Criminal cases have been registered against persons concerned according to provisions of law, apart from impounding of forged Indian passports.

In order to gear up the machinery and to plug looppholes, vigilance staff has been deputed to conduct random checking. Immigration staff is regularly briefed and alerted against such activities.

Seizure of Arms and Ammunition from smugglers and terrorists

4581. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of arms and ammunition seized by Government at various places from smugglers and terrorists, during the last three years;

(b) the market value of these arms at present; and

(c) the manner in which they are disposed of?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) A statement indicating the available information with regard to seizure of arms and ammunitions from smugglers/terrorists in various parts of the country is laid on the Table of the House as Annexure. (*See* Appendix 173, Annexure No 93)

(b) and (c) The market value of these weapons have not been assessed since the weapons recovered from the smugglers/terrorists become part of the case property in the Courts. Thereafter, these weapons are disposed of in accordance with the diections of the Court

Vacancies in BSF

4582. SHRI F. A. MOHAMMED SAQHY Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) when was the last cadre review conducted in respect of Officers of the rank of Assistant Commandant and above in Border Security Force (BSF);

(b) what are the promotion channels at present in BSF *vis-a-vis* police and other para military forces.

(c) the number of posts of officers lying vacant in BSF, rank-wise;

(d) what are the reasons that the vacancies are not being filled up even when eligible officers in different ranks are available; and

(e) by when the posts are likely to be filled up on the basis of one time post from amongst the eligible officers in BSF?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PALIOT): (a) The last cadre review was held in 1990.

(b) Officers of BSF are governed under the provisions of BSF Act, and Rules. However, their promotional avenues are by and large same as in other Central Para Military Forces. The Central Para Military Forces are not comperable with the State Police.

(c) The rank-wise details of vacancies are as under:—

(i) Assistant Commandant .	376
(ii) Deputy Commandant .	339
(iii) Second-in-Command .	5
(iv) Commandant . . .	5
(v) Dy. Inspector General	4
(vi) Inspector General . .	2

(d) and (e). As regards the vacancy position of Assistant Commandants, 150 probationers are undergoing basic training and for filling of the remaining posts, selection process has been completed recently. The shortages in the post of Dy. Comdt. are, however, acute as sufficient number of eligible officers are not available for promotion. The vacancy position in the other grades is transitory.

Unearthing of a racket in share certificates

4583. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report as published